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Lethal-Gas Train Ends Trip in N.Y.

LOCKPORT, N. Y.—A 30-car freight train carrying canisters of lethal phosgene gas arrived early yesterday in this Upstate New York community.

The gas, shipped last Tuesday from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Denver, will be delivered today to the Vandermark chemical firm where the contents will be removed from the 196 canisters loaded on 14 flatbed cars.

The shipment sparked protests from public officials and private citizens who considered the method of transportation dangerous. Iowa Gov. Robert D. Ray, through whose state the train passed Thursday, charged that the containers were rusted, pitted and had no gas tight protective caps over the valves. Demonstrators appeared at several points along the route but there were no incidents.

A second rail shipment of the gas arrived at a Louisiana chemical plant Saturday.